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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN

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1. AMBASSADOR ZAINUL ARIFIN USMAN, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO AMMAN. HE WILL PRESUMABLY REMAIN IN DAMASCUS WHERE HE HAS BEEN SERVING AS INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR SINCE LATE 1974.

2. PRIOR TO HIS ACCREDITATION TO SYRIA, AMBASSADOR USMAN SERVED FOR TWO YEARS AS CHIEF OF THE AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST DIRECTORATE OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE. HE FIRST ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1950, AND HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES INCLUDING SWEDEN, DENMARK, LEBANON AND SUDAN IN ADDITION TO HIS AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENT IN IRAN 1970-72.

3. USMAN WAS BORN IN 1922 IN PADANG, WEST SUMATRA.

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ETHNICALLY BATAK, HE IS A DEVOUT MOSLEM AND HAS COMPLETED HIS HAJ PILGRIMAGE. HE STUDIED LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL DURING WORLD WAR II, AND TOOK A DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR COURSE JUST PRIOR TO JOINING THE INDONESIAN FOREIGN SERVICE.

4. USMAN IS AN EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT

WHO WORKS HARD AND PERFORMS VERY COMPETENTLY. HE WAS
POPULAR IN TEHRAN, AND HAS BEEN WELL REGARDED IN JAKARTA
DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES DURING HIS TERM AS HEAD OF THE
AFRICAN/MIDDLE EAST DIRECTORATE. HE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY
AND ACCESSIBLE TO AMERICANS, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY
"PRO-AMERICAN" IN HIS VIEWS. HIS WIFE IS PLEASANT AND
COMPETENT IN HER SOCIAL ROLE THOUGH, LIKE MANY
INDONESIAN WOMEN, SHE IS SOMEWHAT RESERVED. USMAN
SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, HIS WIFE'S ENGLISH IS ADEQUATE.
THE USMANS HAVE TWO CHILDREN.
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